

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A device for supporting a firearm comprising a frame and a platform mounted on the frame, the frame having a vertical support and a horizontal support, the horizontal support being connected at a first end to the vertical support and being connectable at a second end to a vehicle hitch, the device having a seating support at an intermediate location on the horizontal support, the device having a hinge at an intermediate location on the horizontal support, the hinge permitting rotation of the horizontal support to the right and left into positions perpendicular to the vehicle hitch and having a latch to fix the hinge in a plurality of angular positions, said seating support having a vertical member forming a pivot point of the hinge, the platform being mounted at an upper position of the vertical support to provide a rest for a firearm.

Claim 2 (original). The device of claim 1 wherein the seating support is vertically adjustable.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended). The device of claim 3-1 wherein the vertical member is a tube.

Claim 5 (original). The device of claim 4 wherein the seating support has a seating platform and wherein the seating platform is mounted on a vertical support member, the vertical support member being received in the tube and cooperating therewith to provide vertical adjustment of the seating support.

Claim 6 (original). The device of claim 1 wherein the horizontal support includes a length adjustment which may be connected to a vehicle.

Claim 7 (original). The device of claim 6 wherein the length adjustment includes a plurality of pin and bore connections at the second end of the horizontal support.

Claim 8 (original). The device of claim 1 wherein the seating platform includes an angular adjustment.

Claim 9 (original). The device of claim 8 wherein the angular adjustment includes a ball pivot located on the seating platform, the ball pivot being connected to the vertical support member and cooperating therewith to adjust the angular orientation of the seating platform in relation to the horizontal plane.

Claim 10 (original). The device of claim 9 wherein the angular adjustment includes a lock to fix the angular position of the seating platform.

Claim 11 (original). The device of claim 1 wherein the device has an angular adjustment for the platform.

Claim 12 (original). The device of claim 11 wherein the platform angular adjustment includes a hinge on the vertical support.

Claim 13 (original). The device of claim 12 wherein the vertical support hinge includes a latch to fix the angular orientation of the platform in relation to the horizontal plane.

Claim 14 (original). The device of claim 1 wherein the device has a vertical adjustment for the platform.

Claim 15 (original). The device of claim 14 wherein the platform vertical adjustment includes a plurality of telescoping sections with pin and bore connections.

Claim 16 (previously amended). A device for supporting a firearm comprising a frame and a platform mounted on the frame, the frame having a vertical support and a horizontal support, the horizontal support being connected at a first end to the vertical support and being connectable at a second end to a vehicle hitch, the device having a platform mounted on an upper end of the vertical support, the platform having an upper firearm supporting surface thereon, the device having a

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hinge at an intermediate location of the horizontal support, the hinge including a yoke, the yoke having a pivoting connection with the horizontal support permitting rotation of the horizontal support to the right or left into positions perpendicular to the vehicle hitch, the device having a seating support mounted on the yoke, the seating support having a vertical tube mounted through the yoke at the pivoting connection with the horizontal support, the seating support including a seating platform mounted on a vertical support member, the vertical support member being adjustably received in the vertical tube.

Claim 17 (original). The device of claim 16 wherein the vertical support is threaded and an adjusting nut is mounted on the vertical support, the adjusting nut providing vertical adjustment for the seating platform.

Claim 18 (original). The device of claim 16 wherein the device has an angular adjustment on the horizontal support, the angular adjustment including a plurality of pin and bore connectors on the yoke, the pin and bore connectors cooperating with a pin and bore connector on a portion of the horizontal support to position a portion of the horizontal support at a plurality of angles in the horizontal plane.

Claim 19 (original). The device of claim 16 wherein the platform is removably and selectively mountable for left handed and right handed users.

Claim 20 (currently amended). A shooting support for a firearm comprising a frame and means for mounting a platform on the frame, the frame having a vertical support and a horizontal support, the horizontal support having means for connecting a first end to the vertical support and having means for connecting a second end to a vehicle hitch, ~~the bench support having a~~ means for mounting a seating support at an intermediate location on the horizontal support, the ~~bench support having means for mounting the seating support having means for angular adjustment of a portion of the horizontal support in the horizontal plane to the right or left into positions perpendicular to the vehicle hitch and having means to selectively fix the angular adjustment at a plurality of angular positions, the bench support having means for adjusting the angular position of the platform mounting means and having means for adjusting the angular position of the seating support mounting means.~~

Claim 21 (new). The device of claim 1 wherein the hinge includes a yoke and the yoke is pivotable about a long axis of the horizontal support and includes a latch to fix the yoke in a plurality of rotated positions.

Claim 22 (new). The device of claim 16 wherein the yoke is pivotable about a long axis of the horizontal support and includes a latch to fix the yoke in a plurality of rotated positions.

Claim 23 (new). The shooting support of claim 20 further comprising means for rotational adjustment of a portion of the horizontal support about a long axis of the horizontal support and having means to selectively fix the rotational adjustment at a plurality of rotated positions.